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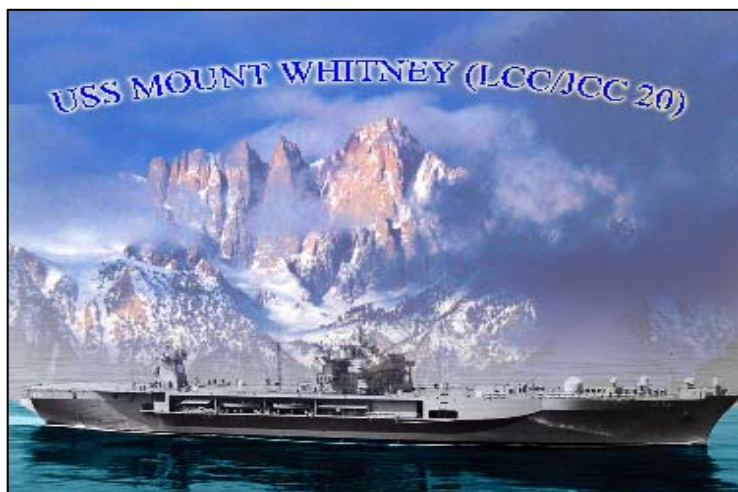


## USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC 20)

Joint Command Ship

Homeport: Gaeta, Italy

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Home ported in Gaeta, Italy, USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC/JCC 20) was constructed by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry-dock Company and is named for the 14,491-foot peak in the Sierra-Nevada range in California, the highest point in the lower continental United States.

MOUNT WHITNEY serves as the Flagship for Commander, Sixth Fleet/Commander, Joint Command Lisbon and NATO Striking Fleet, and has a combined U.S. Navy and Civilian Mariner complement of 350 personnel. MOUNT WHITNEY was the first U.S. Navy combatant to permanently accommodate women on board. MOUNT WHITNEY can receive, process and transmit large amounts of secure data from any point on earth through HF, UHF, VHF, SHF, and EHF communications paths. This technology enables the Joint Intelligence Center and Joint Operations Center to gather and fuse critical information while on the move. As the most sophisticated Command, Control, Communications, Computer, and Intelligence (C4I) ship ever commissioned, MOUNT WHITNEY incorporates various elements of the most advanced C4I equipment and gives the embarked Joint Task Force Commander the capability to effectively command widely dispersed air, ground and maritime units in an integrated fashion.

MOUNT WHITNEY carries enough food to feed the crew for 90 days and can transport supplies to support an emergency evacuation of 3,000 people. The ship makes 100,000 gallons of fresh water daily and carries over one million gallons of fuel, enough for a round trip, 16 knot, 35 day voyage from Norfolk, Virginia to Mozambique in the Indian Ocean.

Since its commissioning in 1971, the ship has participated in fleet operations in the Atlantic, Mediterranean, Caribbean and the Indian Ocean and Horn of Africa regions. MOUNT WHITNEY was a key participant in Exercise Strong Resolve 2002 in support of Operation enduring Freedom and JTFEX 04-2, Operation "BLINDING STORM" consisted of more than 40,000 participants from 26 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and Partnership for Peace nations. MTW completed four major NATO exercises in 2005, including Loyal Diligence '05, Moving Star '05, Allied Action '05 and Loyal Midas '05.

In January of 2006, MTW was honored to support the Liberian Presidential inauguration and in July 2006 played a key role in the Evacuation of U.S. Citizens from Lebanon.

### SHIP'S SPECIFICATIONS:

#### GENERAL

Length - 620 feet  
Beam (Maximum)- 108 feet  
Speed: 23 knots  
Draft (Navigational)- 29 feet 9 inches  
Displacement- 17,485 tons full load  
Complement- 30 Officers/300 Enlisted

#### ENGINEERING

Propulsion: Steam Plant consisting of HP-LP turbine and reduction gear driving a single screw propeller. Plant rated at 22,000 SHP at full power.  
Electrical: 3 ships service turbo generators rated at 2,500kW  
Services: 4 Air Conditioning Plants  
2 Reverse Osmosis Water Desalination Units (12,000 gallons per day)

#### SENSORS

2 Kelvin Hughes Commercial Radar's  
1 AN/SPS-67 Surface Search Radar

#### WEAPONS

2 MK15 MOD 12 Phalanx Close In Weapons Systems (CIWS)  
2 25mm Guns  
6 50 caliber guns  
2 M60 Guns

#### AIRCRAFT

LAMPS MK III Helicopter

Keel Laid: January 8, 1969

Christened: January 8, 1970

Commissioned: January 16, 1971